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Mr. John Jeffery's career in science began when he joined the Hooper Foundation based in IMR in 1962 as a laboratory assistant and continued in the capacity in the Arbovirus Research Unit (University of California) at the Medical Faculty, University of Malaya. Whilst in these units, he worked for such distinguished scientists like Dr. A. Rudnick, Dr. B. Knudsen, Dr. R. Garcia and Dr R. Dewey. They saw the great potential in John and urged him on in research.

In 1974, he joined the Medical Faculty of UKM where he is now the Senior Medical Technologist in the Department of Parasitology and Medical Entomology. To date, John has authored and co-authored a total of 53 publications in varied topics such as mosquito taxonomy, phlebotomines, parasites of animals, parasitoids, myiasis, soil-transmitted helminths, cockroach distribution and others.

More than all these, he is one of the few entomologists specialising in the taxonomy of local mosquitoes. A mosquito, a phlebotomine and a *Culicodes* species has been named after him to honour his contribution. John served the Society as council member, Assistant Honorary Secretary (2 terms), Honorary Treasurer (2 terms), Assistant Editor of the MSPTM Newsletter and is presently on the Advisory Panel of the Tropical Biomedicine.